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1. GOVERNMENT ACTION TO OUTLAW ACTION POUR LA RENAISSANCE DE CORSE (ARC) AUGUST 27 TRIGGERED NEW VIOLENCE IN BASTIA LATE THAT SAME EVENING AND EARLY MORNING HOURS OF AUGUST 28. TWO MORE GENDARMES WERE KILLED AND BASTIA IS NOW AN OCCUPIED CITY.

2. ABOUT 10 P.M. AUGUST 27, GROUP OF YOUNG ARC MILITANTS BEGAN DEMONSTRATING IN FRONT OF POLICE HEADQUARTERS IN BASTIA TO PROTEST GOF DECISION TO BAN THEIR ORGANIZATION AND TO DEMAND RELEASE OF ARC PRESIDENT DR. SIMEONI. DEMONSTRATORS THREW ROCKS AND BROKEN
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BOTTLES. AFTER ABOUT AN HOUR, GENDARMES RESPONDED WITH

AGGRESSIVE PATROLLING, INCLUDING USE OF TEAR GAS
GRENADES. NUMBER OF PEOPLE IN STREETS, INCLUDING
JOURNALISTS AND PHOTOGRAPHERS, WERE ROUGHED UP. TOWARD
MIDNIGHT, ARC IN SURROUNDING BUILDINGS OPENED UP WITH
RIFLES AND SHOTGUNS, WOUNDING A NUMBER OF GENDARMES,
TWO OF WHOM SUBSEQUENTLY DIED. GENDARMES ON DUTY IN
BASTIA MADE FATAL ERROR OF NOT ASKING FOR REINFORCE-
MENTS IMMEDIATELY AND WERE OVERWHELMED BY THE TIME THEY
REQUESTED HELP AT 2 A.M. REINFORCEMENTS ARRIVED AT
4 A.M. AND ORDER WAS REESTABLISHED. THURSDAY MORNING,
BASTIA IS AN OCCUPIED CITY WITH BARBED WIRE, ARMORED
CARS ON PATROL, AND PEDESTRIANS AND CARS BEING STOPPED
FOR IDENTITY CHECKS.
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